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- 1. The Argentine government has been laying the foundation for a strong campaign against colonialism in the Americas. Argentina hopes to assume the leadership in the conference being held in Cuba at which the subject of colonialism is to be a topic for discussion. Senator Diego Luis Molinari, President Peron's personal emissary, who spends considerable time in Cuba and other Latin American countries, was assigned to promote the Argentine view point and gain preconference support for the Argentine delegation.
- 2. The most disturbing element in Argentina's plans is the fear that economic and blood ties between the United States and Great Britain will be the greatest stumbling-block to Argentina's aspirations. Argentina is being consoled by reports received from abroad which indicate that several American republics are planning to counteract North American influence at the conference by attacking the United States for its dominance over Fuerto Rico, and its apparent refusal to aid sister American republics in retrieving territories now controlled by European nations.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Casa Rosada are carefully studying reports regarding forthcoming fouth Pole expeditions which have been forwarded by the Argentine Ambassadors in Great Britain, Norway and Sweden. From 21 to 23 February Pascual de la Rosa, head of the South Pole department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Foreign Minister Bramuglia held four conferences at which Antarctic expeditions were discussed. La Rosa prepared a long memorandum on this matter for the Foreign Minister, who reportedly discussed the Antarctic situation at length with President Peron on 21 February 1949.

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